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SUBJ UNCTAD IPG ON CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODEL

TRANSPORT

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1. ORGANIZATION OF FORTHCOMING MEETING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL
PREPARATORY GROUP (IPG) ON CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL
INTERMODAL TRANSPORT DISCUSSED AT GROUP B
MEETING OCTOBER 23. NO DELS WERE ABLE PROVIDE INFORMATION
ON THINKING OF SECRETARIAT OR LDCS ON CANDIDATES.
FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE MADE:

(A) IPG CHAIRMAN: SWEDEN REPORTED SUBJECT HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED INFORMALLY AMONG DELS AT RECENT OECD MEETING.
SAID THERE SEEMED BE GENERAL AGREEMENT GROUP D (SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES) SHOULD PROVIDE CHAIRMAN. NAME OF SUTOR (USSR)
WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE
WITH IMCO/ECE WORK IN AREA OF LIABILITY AND
DOCUMENTARY REGIME.

(B) GROUP B COORDINATOR: SWEDEN CONFIRMED THAT
MRS BLOM DOES NOT WANT JOB. NORWAY STATED THAT, IF
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DESIRED, ERLING SELVIG IS AVAILABLE. SELVIG, WHO IS

PROFESSOR AT OSLO UNIVERSITY, WAS GROUP B COORDINATOR
IN THIRD COMMITTEE AT CONTAINER CONFERENCE WHICH DISCUSSED
QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP BY IPG.

2. IN EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARIAT (INCLUDING
MALINOWSKI) MISOFF NOTED MUCH MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE ON
POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND DOCUMENTARY REGIME,
WHICH ALSO REFLECTED IN DOCUMENTATION (TD/B/AC 15/2).
SOME IN SECRETARIAT NOW BELIEVE UNCTAD HAD TAKEN TOO
NEGATIVE VIEW IN PAST PARTICULARLY ON ALLEGED ADVERSE
IMPACT OF TCM CONVENTIONS ON LDCS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
HAVE THUS FAR NOT REACTED NEGATIVELY TO DOCUMENT 15/2.
AFRICANS SEEMED SATISFIED AND SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES REACTED POSITIVELY. SECRETARIAT CAUTIONED,
HOWEVER, THAT THESE WERE ONLY PRELIMINARY REACTIONS OF
FEW COUNTRIES.

3. GROUP B MEETING TO BE SET FOR 9:30 A.M. OCTOBER 29.BASSIN

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